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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Andrei W. KONRADI et al.


Title: BETA-AMINO ACID  
DERIVATIVES-INHIBITORS OF  
LEUKOCYTE ADHESION  
MEDIATED BY VLA-4

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application (104 pgs.); including:

- [ X ] Amendment Transmittal + duplicate (4 pgs.);
- [ X ] Return Receipt Postcard.
- [ X ] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended	Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
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Independent Claims:	-	4	=	0	x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00

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[ X ] No fee is required.

[ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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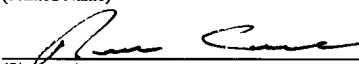
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 15, 2004 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Confirmation No. 8810). The allegedly non-compliant Amendment (dated June 15, 2004) was submitted in reply to a Non-final Office Action. Since the Amendment was deemed to be a *bona fide* attempt to be a reply, the period for timely reply is ONE MONTH from the mailing date of said notice. Accordingly, the present Response is timely submitted on or before the current due date of July 15, 2003, and no fees are believed to be due.

In accordance with the directions provided in the Notice, only the corrected sections of the non-compliant amendment need be re-submitted. In the present case, the Legal Instruments Examiner indicated that the previously submitted "Amendments to the claims" section of the Amendment was non-compliant.

### Explanation of Corrections

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was issued on the following grounds:

A. A complete listing of claims is not present.

B. The claims of the amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.

Upon review, applicants believe that the Examiner found the submission defective for lack of reference to claims 1-26 (canceled). This objection corresponds to criterion A, above. As the remainder of the claims (27-56) were previously presented in ascending order, applicants infer that the issue with respect to criterion B was the “Remarks” section, in which applicants referred to the claims in non-ascending order, to consolidate comments. Accordingly, both the “Amendments” section and that portion of the Remarks Section entitled “Amendments to the Claims” are submitted herewith.

Applicants note that during the present review, certain typographical errors were found; accordingly, these typographical changes were made and are noted in the revised portion of the Remarks section.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page **3** of this paper.

**Remarks** (Claim Amendments section only) begin on page **100** of this paper.